

Application No.: 10/042,488
Amendment dated: June 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2004

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004. A response is due by June 19, 2004, without extending the time for response.

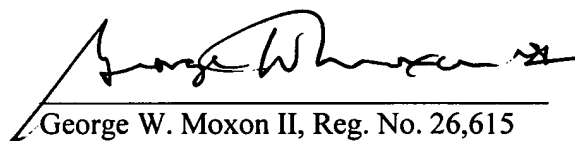
The Office Action consists of a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13 drawn to a process of blending, classified in class 209, subclass 1+, and
- II. Claims 14-18 drawn to a powder coating, classified in class 524, subclass 428.

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-13 drawn to the process of blending, with traverse. Claim 14 has been amended to make it dependent from claim 1. Claim 14, while directed to a powder coating, is a product-by-process claim and recites the process of claim 1. Therefore, claim 14 has been amended to simply make it dependent from claim 1. The powder, although distinctive, is best characterized by the process of making the powder. Therefore, the powder coating is not distinctive from the process. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call to finalize allowance of this application and its issuance as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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